A LEADING LOCAL INDUSTRY

SINCE THE DAYS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Dunnington - Beach Tobacco Company, Inc.

Farmville And Blackstone, Va.

The Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc., traces its history to ante-bellum days. In the tobacco world, the name Dunnington on tobacco is like Sterling on silver, a symbol of quality. Dunnington Tobacco Company has gained and retained the goodwill of the principal tobacco manufacturers throughout the world and today's is known for its reliability, aggressiveness and stability.

The business was founded by James W. Dunnington, a descendant of the first settlers who arrived in Virginia in Colonial times. He was a native of Prince Edward County and spent practically all of his life here. Along with tobacco leaf business that was formally organized in 1870. His associate and successor in the business was his son, W. G. Dunnington, who was born in Farmville on February 12, 1849 and died here August 3, 1922.

Under the leadership of W. G. Dunnington the business grew and developed Farmville's early prestige as a central and important tobacco market. During his lifetime he represented the Italian Regie, one of the largest tobacco manufacturers in the world, as well as those in Sweden, Germany, France, England, Belgium, Holland, Austria-Hungary, Russia and Czechoslovakia, many of which continued to be customers for many years.

Following the death of Walter Grey Dunnington in 1922, James William Dunnington, his son, succeeded him. He has maintained the same policies which have become a tradition with the name Dunnington. Like his father he has wide connections throughout the tobacco belt and in all bright tobacco sections of Kentucky and Tennessee, and in burley belts. Mr. Dunnington is also chairman of the board of Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc.

In 1961, Dunnington Tobacco Company merged with Joseph E. Beach and Sons, Inc., of Blackstone, Va., and the present of Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc. Joseph E. Beach, who was president of the Blackstone firm, is now president of Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc. Joseph E. Beach and Sons, Inc., was founded by Joseph E. Beach and engaged in tobacco since 1907 and entered the Virginia bright tobacco business in 1946. The firm was started by Joseph E. Beach and Sons, Inc., was founded by Joseph E. Beach and engaged in tobacco since 1907 and entered the Virginia bright tobacco business in 1946. The firm was started by Joseph E. Beach and his son, H. Beach Jr. Mr. Joseph E. Beach died in 1952 and H. Beach joined his father, Joseph H. Beach, in the business in 1932. Following the death of his father, he became president of the firm in 1947.

These two firms, now merged as the largest buyer of Dark Fired Virginia tobacco in the world, are headquartered in Farmville and Blackstone in the heart of this area. Not only does Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc. furnish employment for those who handle and process tobacco, but it also provides a ready market for the major money crop of this section. All told, it is estimated that the Dunnington-Beach Tobacco Company, Inc. has grown tremendously since 1865 and its assets today total more than $25,000,000.

On the occasion of its **40th** *Anniversary*

Lynchburg Federal

Savings and Loan

proudly

presents.....